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Current Literature.

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OLD TESTAMENT.

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- DOUGLAS, G. C. M. *Samuel and His Age: A Study in the Constitutional History of Israel.* London: Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1901. Pp. 276. 6s.
- MCNAUGHTON, G. D. *Two Hebrew Idylls: The Book of Ruth, and the Book of Jonah.* London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, 1901. Pp. 186. 2s. 6d.
- *KIRKPATRICK, A. F. *The Book of Psalms, Books IV and V. (Psalms XC-CL.) [The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.]* Cambridge: University Press, 1902. Pp. 399. \$0.80, *net*.
- *BARTON, G. A. *A Sketch of Semitic Origins, Social and Religious.* New York: The Macmillan Co., 1902. Pp. 342. \$3, *net*.

ARTICLES.

- HARPER, ANDREW. Review of Gunkel's "Genesis übersetzt und erklärt." *Critical Review*, January, 1902, pp. 1-9.

This new commentary on Genesis gives an account of the character, growth, and significance of the book which is a radical departure in some respects from the view now dominant, and will—in the mind of the reviewer—be subversive of the current reconstructions of the religion of Israel. The character of the Hebrew religion before the time of Amos, in the middle of the eighth century B. C., is restored; monotheism is held to have been then prevalent, and the moral principles were operative in religion.

- QUARLES, JAMES A. *Sociology of Joseph's Day.* *Bible Student*, February, 1902, pp. 97-108.
- BROOKE, A. E. *The Bohairic Version of the Pentateuch.* *Journal of Theological Studies*, January, 1902, pp. 258-78.
- LAGRANGE, R. P. *Introduction au livre des Juges.* *Revue biblique*, January, 1902, pp. 5-30.
- RICE, J. W. *Notes on the Septuagint Text of II Samuel 7:22 and Isaiah 42:21.* *American Journal of Philology*, July-September, 1901, pp. 318-20.
- WEIR, D. H. *Notes on the Text of the Psalms.* *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 156-60.
- FARRAR, F. W. *The Minor Prophets.* *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 81-92.

In two articles, of which this is the first, Dr. Farrar aims to give a brief introduction to the twelve books known as the "Minor Prophets," a title which he regards

as obscuring the real importance of these writings. He presents them in their chronological order, assigning to the Assyrian epoch Amos, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah; to the Chaldean epoch, Habakkuk; and to the Persian period, Obadiah, Zechariah, Joel, Haggai, Malachi, and Jonah.

PATTON, WALTER M. The Home of the Semites. *Methodist Review* (Nashville), January–February, 1902, pp. 34–47.

The Semites belonged originally to the Hamito-Semitic race in Africa. Later they became specialized as Semites in southwestern Arabia, which is therefore to be regarded as the home of the Semites.

CALDECOTT, W. A. The Biblical Cubit—A New Suggestion. *Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement*, January, 1902, pp. 79–82.

Investigation undertaken in the course of the construction of a model of the tabernacle has resulted—the writer thinks—in establishing the existence of three biblical cubits, measuring 0.9, 1.2, and 1.5 of an English foot respectively. The first was used exclusively for gold and silver work, the second for building purposes, and the third for measuring areas only.

NEW TESTAMENT.

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ROSE, V. Études sur les évangiles. Paris: Welter, 1902. Pp. 336.

SPITTA, F. Untersuchungen über den Brief des Paulus an die Römer. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1901. Pp. 193. M. 5.

GARDNER, PERCY. A Historic View of the New Testament. London: A. & C. Black, 1901. Pp. 286. 6s.

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GARVIE, ALFRED E. Studies in the Life of Jesus. 2. The Virgin Birth. *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 126–35.

The virgin birth of Jesus is the fundamental element in the explanation of his sinlessness. By the term "virgin birth," however, more is meant than the merely physical miracle; spiritual elements are assumed for spiritual effects. We must recognize that the mother of Jesus was, in her maternal function, by God's spirit dwelling and working in her, so isolated from the sin of the race, and so elevated by faith in and surrender to God, that Jesus, as true man as well as very God, did not need to be totally exempted from heredity, but inherited from his mother, not sin, but faith in and surrender to God as the dominant tendency of his life. This sinless beginning of life does not destroy the reality of Jesus' moral development, unless sin be affirmed to be a necessity of moral development.

JOHNSTONE, A. O. Review of Menzies's "The Earliest Gospel." *Critical Review*, January, 1902, pp. 24–31.

BEBBER, VAN. Der Teich Bethesda und die Gottheit Jesu. *Theologische Quartalschrift*, Heft 1, 1902, pp. 1–73.

NICOL, THOMAS. Review of Conrady's "Die Quellen der canonischen Kindheitsgeschichte Jesus'." *Critical Review*, January, 1902, pp. 32-5.

When this author insists that the first evangelist, in recording the incidents of the infancy of Jesus, simply epitomized the *Protevangelium of James* and that the third evangelist was equally dependent for his facts in chaps. 1, 2 upon the same work, he separates himself from the great mass of modern critical opinion, and completely inverts the relations between the canonical and the apocryphal gospels.

HILGENFELD, A. Die Verwerfung Jesu in Nazaret. *Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Theologie*, Heft 1, 1902, pp. 127-44.

MOFFATT, JAMES. The Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees. *Expository Times*, February, 1902, pp. 201-6.

MILLIGAN, G. The Messianic Consciousness of Jesus. *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 148-56.

WARFIELD, B. B. Some Characteristics of the Book of Acts. *Bible Student*, February, 1902, pp. 72-80.

GORDON, E. C. Miracles of Judgment in the Book of Acts. *Bible Student*, February, 1902, pp. 80-86.

RAMSAY, W. M. The Jews in the Græco-Asiatic Cities. *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 92-109.

Only by carefully observing the scanty details that have survived regarding the Jews of Asia Minor can we appreciate the position of Paul in his childhood. Among those Jews we see that the narrow Palestinian pharisaic views, which some scholars attribute to Paul, could not originate or exist. He himself knew well that the surroundings amid which he was born and brought up had made him the one suitable man to carry the gospel to the Roman world; or, in other words (as he says to the Galatians), that God had set him apart from his mother's womb to preach Christ among the gentiles. He was the man to carry the gospel of Christ to the Græco-Roman world, because he knew and understood both Judaism and paganism.

GREGG, J. A. F. The Commentary of Origen upon the Epistle to the Ephesians. *Journal of Theological Studies*, January, 1902, pp. 233-44.

SALMOND, S. D. F. Review of Bigg's "International Critical Commentary on the Epistles of St. Peter and St. Jude." *Critical Review*, January, 1902, pp. 50-54.

BENNETT, W. H. The New Testament and Jewish Literature. *Expositor*, February, 1902, pp. 135-48.

In considering the literary and historical questions which arise in the study of the Old Testament we escape many difficulties by recognizing that our Lord and his disciples left us no inspired message as to the authorship of Old Testament books. Nothing was farther from their minds than any intention to decide controversies as to how many psalms were written by David, or as to how much of the Pentateuch was written by Moses, or whether the book of Enoch was written by Enoch. Probably they shared the common belief that these books were written by David, Moses, and Enoch, but they make no explicit *ex cathedrâ* utterance on the subject; they say nothing which can be meant to bind the church for all time. They merely use the names of individuals as conventional titles of books.

RELATED SUBJECTS.

BOOKS.

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- ZAHN, THEODOR. Athanasius und der Bibelkanon. Leipzig: Deichert, 1901. Pp. 36. M. 1.
- SMITH, G. V. The Bible and its Theology. Fifth edition. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1901. Pp. 331. \$1.
- HODGKINS, L. M. Via Christi: An Introduction to the Study of Missions. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1901. Pp. 251. \$0.50.
- HAMMOND, E. P. Early Conversions. New York: J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., 1901. Pp. 224. \$0.25.
- FIELDING, H. The Hearts of Men. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1901. Pp. 324. \$2.

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- DEISSMANN, A. Die Sprache der griechischen Bibel (review of recent works). *Theologische Rundschau*, Heft 2, 1902, pp. 58-69.
- TAYLOR, R. BRUCE. Prophetic Ecstasy. *Expository Times*, February, 1902, pp. 223-8.
- THOMSON, JOHN E. H. The Samaritan Passover. *Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement*, January, 1902, pp. 82-92.
- CLERMONT-GANNEAU. Archæological and Epigraphic Notes on Palestine. *Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement*, January, 1902, pp. 10-27.
- SCHICK, CONRAD. The Virgin's Fount. *Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement*, January, 1902, pp. 29-35.
- MASTERMAN, E. W. G. The Rivers of Damascus. *Expository Times*, February, 1902, pp. 215-20.
- RASHDALL, H. Dr. Moberly's Theory of the Atonement. *Journal of Theological Studies*, January, 1902, pp. 178-211.
- VINCENT, JOHN H. A Problem Solved: How Shall the Preacher Help toward Solid Reading and Thinking? *Homiletic Review*, February, 1902, pp. 99-103.
- EDWARDS, W. S. The Use and Abuse of Texts. *Methodist Review* (Nashville), January-February, 1902, pp. 64-73.
- JOHNSTON, WM. Review of Taylor's "The Problem of Conduct: A Study of the Phenomenology of Ethics." *Critical Review*, January, 1902, pp. 60-69.

The reviewer regards this work as one of the most important treatises produced in recent years, and likely to do for the present generation what Sidgwick's great work, *Methods of Ethics*, did for the last generation.